

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

Our Work.

[Paper by Mrs. Celia Rodin, read at the W. C. T. U. Convention.]

You who, with me, have entered upon this great work for the uplifting of humanity; who are workers together with Christ in earnest attempts to rescue and save perishing ones, and to comfort and bless the sorrowing, "behold," as the psalmist says, "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." I think that you and I can echo the same sentiment in regard to the sisterhood. How pleasant for us thus to meet and talk over the triumphs and failures of the year that is past, and gird ourselves anew for the conflict. Surely, emotions of gratitude and pleasure must fill all our hearts as we convene in session together; gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that he has so prospered our ways, and blessed our undertaking, and has raised up so many noble, consecrated, energetic women in different parts of this district to engage in and help push forward this great work for sinning and suffering humanity. And may we go to our homes strengthened and encouraged to work more earnestly than ever before. Our motto is "Onward and Upward," and our determination to work earnestly and well, although we may not be able to accomplish all that we would desire. Yet we will do what we can, and if at any time our way seems hedged up, and the outlook is dark, let us remember that they also serve who stand and wait. These are words of the holy writ: "Behold, we count them happy that endure."

We have expended time, labor and money, and have sometimes become disheartened; but beloved, we must never allow ourselves to get discouraged. Our Master is at the helm, and he has promised to be with us to the end. While in our own strength we are powerless, in Jesus we can accomplish much, and our only way if what we supposed was a success seems to prove a failure, is to just try, and try again. We will often find that what sometimes appeared to be a barren field becomes, through exertion, very fruitful. Surely no more important work can occupy the mind and engage the efforts of our women than to plan and carry forward measures which, with the blessing of God shall result in promoting the cause of total abstinence, and in the outlawing of the liquor traffic.

This is grand and good work to which we are giving such earnest thought and effort,—the reformation and reformation of character. Many of those great reforms which have preceded us, cannot rival in importance this great moral reform of the 19th century.

The anti-slavery men and women truly worked through many trials and great persecutions, and were sometimes in danger of losing their lives in consequence of their untrusting

effort to break the bonds of the oppressed, and let the slave go free.

It was a blessed work they did,—it took time to accomplish it, but the outcome was blessed,—blessed in the ultimate to the Master as well as the slave.

But grand and important as this work was, a grander and far more important work is in progress now, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union are most actively engaged in it. For importance, the work we are doing excels all the anti-slavery reform. Do you ask me why? I answer, "inasmuch as the liberty of the soul is of far more consequence than the liberty of the body, just so much is this temperance work superior to their work." The partnership of our government with the liquor traffic is a tenfold worse evil than slavery ever was. Slavery had its victim, it fed and clothed him, it furnished him shelter, and provided for his wants in sickness as well as in health, in old age as well as youth. Its power over him continued only through this life, and could not destroy his hope in immortality and eternal life. Amid his cruel beating and abuse, when poor tired nature could hold out no longer, with his back all scarred and bleeding, he could lie down in the swamps and jungles and his soul go to God who gave it. His color or his bonds did not stand between him and his God. But the liquor traffic robs thousands of food, of shelter, of home, and of friends; it robs the nation of its manhood; the wife of her husband; the mother of her boy, and sometimes children of their mother, and worse than all besides it robs its victim of all hopes of eternal bliss, for the Bible tells us that "no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God." The fact is that alcoholic liquors destroy both soul and body, and unfit men for life's duties here, and debar them forever from the Kingdom of God. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise," and this dreadful enemy of our race is luring on to destruction every year 80,000 of our men and boys, and that our government gives, for certain sums, to certain parties, legal right to thus allure, fascinate, debauch, and ruin our men, ah, yes, and alas! many of our women too, both for time and eternity, is a truth so apparent to us all, and so terrible in its consequences, that were we not familiar with this prevalent vice, we should start back with horror and feel that God's vengeance must fall upon a country that would thus legalize so great an evil. God, who has dealt with and punished the nations of the earth for political sins all down the roll of centuries will, unless this government rights this great wrong, call this American nation to an account for its stewardship, and punish it for this awful sin.

This high license system is a terrible thing. You say, why so persistent against the high license system. Not long ago when high license was discussed in New York, the Supt. of a brewery said, "who is going to be hurt when the brewer has only to deliver to 50 saloons the same amount of liquor he used to send to 100?" This high license pure and simple. We are working against the liquor interests—the saloon and the traffic, because we feel it has also too large an influence in our politics. It has debauched too many of our lawmakers in our legislative halls both state and national. Our boys and young men are constantly exposed to most direful temptations, more terrible then before the saloon was legalized by the government. Those individuals who buy a license, have a monopoly, and can make from their great gains such improvements and attractions to their saloons as to make them to be especially alluring, so much so, that oft-times young men, who would not be seen going into a low dive, pass on into these elegant saloons with a little shame as they would go into a bank or store. Yes, there is great danger lurking in the pathway of our boys. How very dear they are to you and me, and who could measure the grief that would come to us if these boys acquired a habit of strong drink,—if our boys are spoiled, our future men are spoiled. For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul.

Horace Mann once addressed a large reformatory of boys. He remarked that if just one of those boys should become a noble and useful man, it would pay for all the money expended in erecting the building and running the school. Said one to him, "Would it pay to make all this expenditure to save just one boy?" "Yes," said Mr. Mann "if it was my boy." It is estimated that 80,000 persons, every year, fill drunkard's graves. Will 80,000 boys step in to fill the ranks? By observation, it is ascertained that one boy in every six travels the drunkard's road to death.—What a large percentage! Will it be your boy or mine? Our boy or our neighbors boy, that shall be enticed into the ranks of that awful procession? While we are striving to save our boys from the thralldom of sin, teaching them to abstain from all that intoxicates and all that pollutes, that they may have a sound mind in a sound body with which to go out and fight the world's battles, let us never neglect our girls, but ever guard them with a watchful care. With tenfold care should we guard our girls as they reach on to maidenhood and a noble womanhood. In the present state of society with the little or no warning given our girls, strong men with powerful magnetism who understand all the arts of seduction, are allowed to converse, walk and ride with them freely. Do we wonder that the weaker falls prey to the stronger? The great wonder is that we should blame, and thrust from the pale of all good society the weaker one but allow the stronger and more guilty one access to our homes to mingle freely with our daughters and go on with their terrible work.

Grand is the work the W. C. T. U. is doing in bringing to bear mighty influences to lead men and women to higher lives, and in putting up guide posts to give warning of the divers ways of death. A great interest is being felt also, in regard to franchise. The thought that ignorant men, unacquainted with our laws and polity, men who have been born and raised in other lands and know nothing of our institutions, can come to our shores and put a vote in the ballot box for our highest officials, while native born women, highly educated, and understanding well our laws and polity, must stand back and have no part or lot in the matter, tells us that such things ought not to be. A mother at the ballot box would be a mother still, the holiest thing on earth. Solomon said "strength and honour are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come; she openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness, she looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

God is with us and one with us is a majority. Let us pray, work and hope, remembering, that every effort we put forth to

crush the evil, is for God, home and humanity.

While we would ever cling to the cross and its purifying influences for ourselves, we would at the same time reach out a helping hand to "Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave. Weep o'er the erring ones, lift up the fallen. Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save. Though they are slighting him, still he is waiting. Waiting the penitent child to receive. Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently. He will forgive if they only believe. Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter. Feelings lie buried that grace can restore. Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness. Chords that were broken will vibrate once more. Rescue the perishing, duty demands it. Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide. Back to the narrow way, patiently win them, Tell the poor wanderer that Jesus receives."

Fallun

Children's Day was observed, Sunday, June 20th, in the Methodist church. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and a lengthy and interesting program was successfully rendered, after which Rev. Wahlquist preached a brief sermon to the children.

The Ladies Society met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. John Swenson, of Whitefield. It was well represented and no efforts were spared in making it pleasant.

Miss Annie Jones has returned from Minneapolis to spend the summer at home.

A party was given last Wednesday by Mrs. Chas. Holm in honor of her sister Miss Tillie J. Monson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Broman have been visiting their relatives in New London, recently.

Rev. Wahlquist left for New London last week and conducted services there, June 24th.

Ester Johnson of Raymond and Laura Peterson of Kandiyohi visited last week at Elias Johnson's.

C. G. Johnson has been engaged as clerk for Solomon Porter & Co., at Kandiyohi.

The Misses Carlson and Johnson and Clarence Johnson, are spending a few days at Palmyra. Miss Amanda Berg, of Atwater, visited last week at A. Klint's.

Mr. Chas. Larson, who left some time ago for the Bethesta Hospital, has returned home again, much improved in health.

Mrs. Wahlquist, the mother of Rev. E. A. Wahlquist, will return to her home in Racine, Wis., this week, being much satisfied with her pleasant visit, and happy days spent in Kandiyohi.

"The Star of the First Magnitude, of Kandiyohi," spent a few days last week at her home. "A STAR."

Belgrade

Fourth of July is soon at hand. Belgrade is going to celebrate in great shape. Come in early and see the industrial street parade.

L. A. Larson made a business trip to the cities last week. Jens Pederson shipped stock to the cities last Tuesday.

Peter Romness is working in the lumber yard with Dieseth. Druggist, Waller, is going to raffle off his \$100 wheel.

T. J. Anderson made a flying trip to the cities last week. Elmo Smith and Albert Berg are visiting with their former friends now-a-days. They are representing the Plano Mfg. Co.

Charley Larson came back from St. Paul last Thursday, where he has been taking treatment for his eyes. Miss Belle Anderson and Mrs. Anton Anderson, of Broten, visited with friends at this place last Wednesday.

Aif Thompson and his son, Tom, left for Kinmore, N. D., where he has taken homestead, and is going to move there with his family in the near future. Ole Kjildahl, of Big Grove, returned from Decorah, Iowa, last Friday, where he has been staying for some time, on account of poor eyes. He has improved greatly, so he can easily take care of himself.

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Village Council Proceedings.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, WILLMAR, June 28, 1897.

Regular meeting of the village council. Present—Aldermen Nasset, Ramsett, Wood, Tallman, Karwand, Nelson and President Johnson.

Minutes of regular meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were read and same referred to finance committee:

P. Magnuson, work on streets.	\$ 6 87
Soren Lorentzen, same.	5 00
Ole Sundquist, same.	3 75
Andrew Ogren, same.	13 12
John Gorwell, same.	9 37
Nils Lundgren, same.	8 75
P. E. Carlson, same.	9 37
John Strand, same.	9 37
Nils Anderson, same.	9 37
Ole Johnson, same.	11 25
Wm. Hays, same.	18 75
C. G. Sandberg, same.	10 62
Jonas Alm, same.	12 50
August Sundlin, same.	8 12
Peter Anderson, same.	9 37
August Segerstrom, same.	11 25
Nils Ekberg, same.	6 87
Nilsen & Freese, same.	20 00
Niels Berg, same.	20 00
Wigdahl & Nilson same.	18 75
Hans Johnson, same.	7 50
F. L. Smith, same.	18 75
Jens Larson, same.	18 75
P. C. Sorenson, same.	22 50
Charlie Berg, same.	18 75
M. J. Subschanske, same.	12 50
Mr. Parson, same.	3 12
Henry Hanscom, carrying water.	4 75
Nils Learum, services as special police.	6 00
Wm. Sperry, same.	6 00
Jorgen Olson, same.	6 00
J. L. Hanscom, same.	6 00
Albert Olson, same.	6 00
Jens P. Larson, same.	6 00
Joseph Williams, same.	3 00
Peter Freeberg, same.	7 00
Ole Lydene, same.	7 00
Wm. Hays, same.	7 00
Ole Lundquist, same.	7 00
Henry Stenson, same.	6 00
Hans Halvorson, repairing boiler.	1 50
Henry Stenson, collecting poll-tax.	15 00
W. DeLaHunt, freight on wood.	22 97
W. DeLaHunt, same.	10 80
W. DeLaHunt, same.	10 89
Harry L. Ward, wiring.	9 45
E. R. Williamson & Co., 12 police whistles.	3 00
Electrical Engineering Co., merchandise.	30 00
J. Van Rhee, wood.	131 87
Dennis Johnson, mowing grass in park.	3 45
Andrew Larson, one cord stone.	7 00
S. S. Robbins, lumber.	234 24
H. J. Ramsett, interest on order No. 3956.	84
Osberg, Selvig & Co., interest on order No. 3655.	1 20

Finance committee reported all of said bills back approved, and, on motion, the bills were allowed. Application of Northwestern Telephone Exchange Company to occupy the streets, alleys and public grounds within the village, for the purpose of placing therein its poles, wire and fixtures constituting its telephone line, was heard.

The following resolution was offered: Resolved, By the village council of the village of Willmar, that the right, privilege and authority is hereby granted to the Northwestern Telephone Exchange Company, its successors and assigns, to occupy the streets, alleys and public grounds within said village for the purpose of placing therein its poles, wires and fixtures constituting its telephone and telegraph line within and through said village, provided that the location of said poles and wires and fixtures shall be designated by the village council. Provided, that the poles used shall be at least 45 feet high, and be of such appearance and material as shall be approved by the village council.

The resolution was adopted, all the members voting aye. Petition of B. F. Jenness to cause to be graded for a sidewalk on the south and east sides of block 1, was read. On motion the petition was granted. The marshal reported that the ditch along east side of Fourth street, from lot 4, of block 83, running south to first slough, was finished, and the cost of same being \$57.79, and that said cost had been paid by B. F. Jenness. The following petitions were read and same referred to the street committee: Petition of M. D. Manning and others to grade first street south of Becker avenue. Petition of O. H. Westberg, and others to cause to be graded for a sidewalk along the north side of blocks 2, 3 and 4, and on west side of block 3, and east side of block 4, Second Addition to the Village. Petition of C. C. Shier and others to cause Campbell avenue between 7th and 9th streets to be filled to the proper grade. Petition of A. Gunderson and others for some work to be done on Becker avenue and Jessie street, Spicer's Addition to the village, so as to prevent water from running off the street on to the property of the petitioners. The Fire Department Committee reported back petition of S. S. Ramsett and others recommending that no street be erected on property described in petition. On motion the report was adopted. The marshal handed in his report of arrests and same placed on file.

On motion the Council adjourned. CHRISTIAN JOHNSON, President. JOHN T. OROS, Village Recorder.

If you have lands for sale, will pay you to list them with Nasset. He makes it his business to find you a buyer. If you have land, he has a large list of buyers in Kandiyohi, Chippewa, Stearns counties. Office in Belgrade block.

District Court.

The regular June term of court opened Monday with Judge Powers presiding. The grand jury completed its work today, finding three indictments. Those serving on the juries are named below. The calendar is a light one.

GRAND JURORS.

C. S. Geer.	Colfax
John A. Johnson.	Kandiyohi
I. H. Swihart.	New London
H. Roelofs.	Holland
D. G. McConghy.	Roseville
Ole A. Olson.	Lake Andrew
H. Shipstead.	Willmar
Gust Hedner.	Lake Elizabeth
Charles Minnick.	Atwater
Chas. E. Linderholm.	Fallun
Peter Berglund.	Harrison
John Williams.	Willmar
George Johnson.	Colfax
W. H. Harris.	Edwards
Otto Hedin.	Arctander
Charles Johnson.	Holland
A. E. Anderson.	Lake Lillian
N. O. Nelson.	Whitefield
Frank Nelson.	Fallun
H. W. Barber.	New London
R. Thorson.	Lake Andrew
Oscar B. Bjerkness.	Whitefield
R. C. Benton.	Roseville
William Lester.	Irving

PETIT JURORS.

H. P. Lofgren.	Mamre
James A. Carlin.	Green Lake
John Georgeson.	Arctander
Andrew N. Nelson.	Roseland
Frank Magnuson.	Hol and
Sam Govig.	Willmar
P. O. Hall.	Atwater
Chas. Blakely.	Roseville
Peter E. Edman.	Lake Elizabeth
Abraham Thorson.	Edwards
Gustaf Swedlund.	Lake Elizabeth
J. D. Hawkes.	Roseville
Ole Peterson.	St. Johns
Theodor Thorson.	Lake Andrew
J. M. Monson.	New London
Chas. Pemble.	Roseville
B. O. Otterness.	Arctander
August Lindblad.	Fallun
P. H. Parsons.	Harrison
N. W. Peterson.	Gennessee
Neils Larson.	New London
Ditmer Ditmerson.	Irving
Emil Shodin.	Dovre

Ringville

Rain! Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Sonstegard visited at Lake Johanna last Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Crow Lake nine did not appear on our grounds last Sunday, probably on account of the rain. Josie Zwicky is the name of a young lady from Wisconsin, who is visiting relatives in our vicinity.

If all the tramps that travel our roads, means prosperity, our republican brethren are right when they say: "Good old republican times have returned."

B. A. Sonstegard returned from Glengood last Saturday, where he has been attending the Glenwood Academy this last winter. Bennie graduated from the commercial course.

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